

Hiss Blocked Korean Revolt, Ex-Envoy Says

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WARWICK, R. I., Aug. 31.—James H. R. Cromwell, former ambassador to Canada, said today that "a blueprint for revolution in Korea" to break the Japanese "stranglehold" on that country during World War II was blocked by Communist influences in the State Department.

He told a Republican outing here that Alger Hiss prevented the plan from reaching Cordell Hull, then Secretary of State.

Mr. Cromwell, who changed his political affiliation from Democratic to Republican because of Communist influences in government, added:

"The situation is as bad now as it was then."

Adviser to Syngman Rhee from 1941 to 1944, Mr. Cromwell said Gen. William (Wild Bill) Donovan, head of the OSS, approved the Korean revolt plans and needed only State Department recognition of the Republic of Korea.

"But the portal was guarded by a bright young man—Alger Hiss," Mr. Cromwell said, "and Rhee was never able to get past Hiss to deal with Hull."